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1. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING BEST MEANS OF MEETING ALL OF CODEL'S DESIRES DURING JULY 11-14 VISIT TO EGYPT DESPITE PROBLEMS POSED BY MOST OF GOVERNMENT BEING IN ALEXANDRIA DURING SUMMER MONTHS AND SHORT DURATION OF CODEL STAY. EVEN IF JULY 13 DEPARTURE NOT NECESSARY, CODEL WILL HAVE ONLY TWO-AND-ONE HALF DAYS. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WHICH WE ASSUME IS FIRST PRIORITY, WILL REQUIRE ALMOST ALL OF ONE DAY GIVEN NEED TO TRAVEL TO ALEXANDRIA. (WE HOPE TO ALSO ARRANGE MEETINGS IN ALEXANDRIA WITH DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY AND POSSIBLE ONE OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS. GAMASY'S SCHEDULE IS ERRATIC AND WE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL LAST MINUTE WHETHER HE WILL BE IN CAIRO OR ALEXANDRIA.) SECONDLY, IF VISIT TO SFM IS TO TAKE PLACE FROM EGYPT, IT WILL TAKE UP ANOTHER FULL DAY SINCE TRAVEL TIME FROM CAIRO TO SFM IS FOUR HOURS. CODEL SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSE AT 1400 HOURS MAKING AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING
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APPOINTMENTS HARD TO ARRANGE. FINALLY, PRESIDENT SADAT, FAHMY AND KEY MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL JULY 10. DESPITE ABOVE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT A WORTHWHILE BUT STRENUOUS PROGRAM CAN BE WORKED OUT.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED PROGRAM WITH POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES:

MONDAY, JULY 11

1300- ARRIVE CAIRO AIRPORT. MET BY CONTROL OFFICER LOWRIE
(HOME PHONE: 35502) AND GOE REP.

1400 - ARRIVE SHERATON (CHANGE IN DATES NECESSITATED SWITCH TO
SHERATON FROM HILTON SINCE HILTON FULLY BOOKED).

1500 - MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS AND AGENCY HEADS. (DEPENDING
UPON TIME OF CODEL JAVITS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT IN ALEXANDRIA,
AMBASSADOR MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED FROM ALEXANDRIA. HOWEVER,
BELIEVE BRIEFING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD BE USEFUL EVEN IF
AMBASSADOR UNABLE TO BE PRESENT.)

1630 - DEPART EMBASSY FOR PYRAMIDS.

1830 - DRINKS AND INFORMAL BUFFET AT RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR AND
MRS. EILTS. (DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF GENERAL GAMASY, WOULD
HOPE TO ARRANGE MEETING LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING MEETING
WITH HIM.)

TUESDAY, JULY 12

0800 - DEPART FOR ALEXANDRIA BY TRAIN.

1030 - ARRIVE ALEXANDRIA. (TIME FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT
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WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL LATER. MEETINGS WITH FAHMY AND ECONOMIC
MINISTER WILL DEPEND ON THEIR AVAILABILITY IN ALEXANDRIA. INFORMAL
LUNCH MAY TAKE PLACE AT BEACH AND SWIMMING SUITS IN ORDER FOR THOSE
INTERESTED. EMBASSY BEACH CABIN NEXT TO FAHMY'S.)

1710 - DEPART ALEXANDRIA BY TRAIN.

1940 - ARRIVE CAIRO.

2030 - INFORMAL DINNER AT HOMES OF EMBASSY OFFICERS. (IF CODEL
BELIEVES THIS TOO STRENUOUS IN VIEW EARLY DEPARTURE NEXT MORNING,
WE CAN ARRANGE FOR SELECTED OFFICERS AND EGYPTIANS TO DINE WITH
MEMBERS OF CODEL IN HOTEL OR RESTAURANTS).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

0730 - DEPART CAIRO FOR ISMAILIA AND SFM. (CODEL MUST COUNT ON 11
TO 12-HOUR DAY. TRAVEL TIME FROM CAIRO TO SFM IS APPROXIMATELY FOUR
HOURS EACH WAY AND MINIMUM OF THREE HOURS REQUIRED FOR VISIT TO SFM
AND LUNCH. ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WOULD BE VISIT TO SUEZ CANAL HEAD-
QUARTERS IN ISMAILIA AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SUEZ CITY PLUS SOME AID
PROJECT. SEPARATE PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED FOR WIVES NOT WISHING TO

ACCOMPANY. EVENING FREE. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH ITINERARY CODEL
PREFERS AS SOON AS DECISION IS MADE ON WHETHER SFM VISIT WILL BE
FROM EGYPT OR ISRAEL.)

THURSDAY, JULY 14

EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE. (IF JULY 13 DEPARTURE IS NECESSRY, CODEL
COULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT UPON RETURN FROM CANAL.)

3. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT HENRY TANNER REGRETFULLY EXCUSES
HIMSELF FROM PARTICIPATING IN VISIT BECAUSE HE WILL BE DEPARTING
CAIRO DEFINITELY AT ABOUT TIME OF CODEL ARRIVAL.
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